

**IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**SHERMAN DIVISION**

**DATE: 5/14/2025**

**CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE**  
**Amos L. Mazzant, III**

**COURT REPORTER: Chris Bickham**  
**COURTROOM DEPUTY: Keary Conrad**

United States of America	
v.	4:22CR162
Edward Walsh Vaughan (1) Hadi Akkad (2)	

<b>ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF</b>	<b>ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT</b>
AUSAs Anand Varadarajan, GR Jackson	John D. Cline, Joseph D. Brown, Samuel Ford (1) David B. Gerger, Heather Peterson, Jeff Kearney (2)
Movant: USA Bank, NA and Elavon, Inc.	

On this day, came the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings were held in Sherman, TX:

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MINUTES: Jury Trial - Day 2</b>
9:24 a.m.	Court in session. Court notes appearances.
9:25 a.m.	Jury seated.
9:25 a.m.	Agent Rennie is reminded he is still under oath. AUSA Varadarajan continues direct examination of Agent Rennie.
9:31 a.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibits 273, 273A, 274, 166, 167, 164A, 164B, 136A, 136B, 233.
10:41 a.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, John Cline begins cross examination. Counsel directs witness to Defendant's Exhibit 684. Counsel Cline moves for admission of Defendant's Exhibit 684. No objection. Exhibit admitted.
10:59 a.m.	Jury excused. Court recess.
11:14 a.m.	Court re-convened. Counsel John Cline continues cross examination.
11:31 a.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger begins cross examination.
11:35 a.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger offers Defendant's Exhibit 683. No objection. Exhibit admitted.

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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>MINUTES: Jury Trial - Day 2</b>
11:38 a.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger refers witness to Defendant's Exhibit 654, Government Exhibit 233, Defendant Exhibits 633, 609, 178, 10, 386, 1004A, 385.
12:32 p.m.	Jury excused for lunch.
12:33 p.m.	Court recess for lunch.
1:30 p.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger continues cross examination and refers witness to Defendant's Exhibits 385, 654.
1:40 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan begins re-direct examination.
1:42 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibits 202, 205, Defendant's Exhibits 609, 654.
1:51 p.m.	Counsel Gerger re-cross examination and refers witness to Defendant's Exhibit 55 (notice only*) but parties will follow up on its full admission. Counsel Gerger refers witness to Defendant's Exhibits 385, 633, 10.
2:01 p.m.	AUSA Anand Varadarajan begins re-direct examination and refers witness to Defendant's Exhibit 55.
2:02 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan calls Eric Jiles. Witness placed under oath. Counsel begins direct examination.
2:07 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan refers witness to Government Exhibit 133A.
2:19 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan offers Government Exhibit 130A and 130b. No objection. Exhibits admitted.
2:33 p.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, David Gerger cross examination. Counsel refers witness to Government Exhibit 133A, 133B,
2:46 p.m.	Counsel Gerger offers Defendant Exhibits 667 - 673 . Government objects as to hearsay and the topics are not a permissible exception to the hearsay rule. After argument of counsel, the Court sustained the objection.
2:49 p.m.	Counsel refers witness to Defendant's Exhibit 648.
3:00 p.m.	Gerger offers Defendant Exhibit *unnumbered*. Government objects to hearsay and not properly authenticated. Counsel Gerger offers for notice only. Government objects to hearsay and that foundation has not been laid as to authentication.
3:00 p.m.	Bench conference.
3:02 p.m.	Counsel Gerger offers Defendant Exhibit 597 (entire tape) and then clips 597A, 597(B) transcript. No objection. Exhibit admitted.

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3:14 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Samuel Ford begins cross examination.
3:19 p.m.	Counsel Varadarajan re-direct examination.
3:21 p.m.	Counsel Gerger re-cross examination.
3:24 p.m.	Witness excused. Jury excused.
3:25 p.m.	Jury excused. Court recess.
3:43 p.m.	Court re-convened. Jury seated.
3:44 p.m.	AUSA Varadarajan calls Lowell Thomas. Witness placed under oath. Counsel begins direct examination.
4:01 p.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, Jeff Kearney begins cross examination.
4:07 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Samuel Ford begins cross examination.
4:11 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Samuel Ford offers Defendant Exhibit 443, pgs. 4 and 5 *notice only*, Defendant Exhibit 181 *notice only*, Exhibit 228 *notice only*
4:23 p.m.	Counsel Varadarajan re-direct examination.
4:25 p.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, Jeff Kearney begins cross examination.
4:27 p.m.	Pass the witness. AUSA Glenn Roque-Jackson calls Gregory Schubert. Witness placed under oath. Counsel Jackson begins direct examination.
4:37 p.m.	AUSA Glenn Roque-Jackson refers witness to Government Exhibit 185.
4:54 p.m.	Defendant Hadi Akkad's counsel, Jeff Kearney begins cross examination.
5:00 p.m.	Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Samuel Ford begins cross examination. Defendant Edward Vaughan's counsel, Samuel Ford refers witness to Government Exhibit 185.
5:03 p.m.	Witness excused.
5:05 p.m.	Court adjourned.

DAVID O'TOOLE, CLERK

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